

WASHINGTON - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) announced that he has obtained \$350,000 in funds in a House bill to assist with the expansion of the Northport Medical Center Emergency Department.

The emergency department at Northport Medical Center receives more than 40,000 visits a year, making it one of the busiest in the State of Alabama. The overall \$4.6 million project includes both new construction and renovations to the existing facilities.

Congressman Bachus said, "This expansion project will further help Northport Medical Center provide outstanding medical care to residents in the Tuscaloosa area. Providing high quality health care to our citizens is a priority, so it is a pleasure to assist this needed project."

Bryan Kindred, DCH Health System President and CEO, said, "We thank Congressman Bachus for his hard work in securing this money. It will help us to better serve the patients who come to the hospital for emergency care."

The funding is contained in the FY10 Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations bill, which has passed the House. Legislation must be approved by both the House and Senate and signed by the President before becoming law.